been functioning for last several years and the annual over-head expenses to maintain the same during last two years are as under:

Year	Annual Over head Expenses (Rs. in Lakh)
2001-02	42.11
2002-03	37.72

No extra amount has been spent by the Cotton Corporation of India to strengthen its branch office at Raichur in Karnataka State during 2002-03;

(b) At present there is no proposal to shift the office from Raichur to any other place;

(c) No special amount has been earmarked during 2003-04 to take up any new activities by the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd., at its branch office Raichur. However, the existing set up is being maintained to carry out its usual purchase and sales operations.

Procurement of cotton by CCI

1917. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of cotton procured by Cotton Corporation of India and State agencies from various cotton producing States during the last financial year, State-wise;

(b) whether the cotton grower have been paid for this produce;

(c) if not, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the payment will be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) (i) Cotton procured by Cotton Corporation of India, State-wise, during the last financial year 2002-03 is as under:

(In bales of 170 Kg. each)

State	Quantity	State	Quantity
Punjab	9,097	Maharashtra	2,03,307
Haryana	3,023	Andhra Pradesh	1,38,521
Rajasthan	26,246	Karnataka	59,699
Gujarat	1,56,665	Tamil Nadu	50
Madhya Pradesh	38,899	Others	6,911

(ii) The Maharashtra State Co-operative Cotton Growers' Marketing Federation Ltd. have purchased 23.58 lakh quintal of kapas (seed cotton) during 2002-03 cotton seasons (Oct.-Sep.).

(iii) The Punjab State Co-operative Supply & Marketing Federation Ltd. have purchased lint cotton of 58768.42 quintal (36096 bales) in Punjab and 11565.81 quintal (7022 bales) in Rajasthan.

(iv) The Andhra Pradesh State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd. have purchased 5086 quintal of cotton during 2002-03.

(v) The Karnataka State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd. have not purchased cotton from the farmers during 2002-03, however, the Federation had purchased 5,353 ready cotton bales from the market.

(vi) The Co-operatives with the Gujarat State Co-operative Cotton Federation Ltd. have procured 1,03,150 bales of cotton during 2002-03.

(vii) State Co-operative Federations of Haryana, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh have not purchased kapas (seed cotton) from cotton growers during the last financial year 2002-03.

(b) The cotton growers have been paid for their produce by the respective procurement agencies.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (b) above.